

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2006-234-C

Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC (“Acceris”) and First Communications, LLC (“First Communications”) (together, “Applicants”) have filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”), pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-310, requesting that the Commission approve the transfer of assets, including business customers, from Acceris to First Communications. First Communications additionally requests that the Commission grant it a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services throughout the State of South Carolina, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280 and Section 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-600, et. seq. First Communications seeks authority to provide a full array of resold interLATA and intraLATA interexchange telecommunications services to business and residential customers in the State of South Carolina. Specifically, First Communications seeks authority to provide basic “1+” long distance services, otherwise known as Message Telecommunications Service (“MTS”), travel card services, and toll-free services. First Communications also requests that the Commission regulate its business type long distance services in accordance with the principles and procedures established for modified alternative regulation by Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C, and as modified by Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C.

A copy of the application is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission’s website at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from John J. Pringle, Esquire, Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, PA, P.O. Box 2285, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 30, 2006** before Hearing Examiner David Butler, Esquire in the Commission’s Law Library at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **September 13, 2006**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2006-234-C.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and John J. Pringle, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **September 13, 2006**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2006-234-C.***

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **September 13, 2006**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2006-234-C.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission’s Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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